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LOK SABHA

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CULTIVATION OF LAVENDER
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal regarding cultivation of lavender scent by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India has received a project proposal from Government of Jammu and Kashmir on cultivation of lavender and extraction of lavender oil and Lavender water by M/s. Fasiam Agro Farms, Asham, Sumbal-Baramulla, Jammu and Kashmir. The project envisages cultivation of lavender in an area of 2.50 ha (50 Kanals) and to establish a processing unit for processing of lavender flowers with a capacity of 25 tonnes/ annum at a total cost of Rs. 87.39 lakhs. The project is being examined by Ministry of Food Processing Industries for consideration under Mini Mission - IV of Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture.

During the current year, an amount of Rs. 35.00 crores have been allocated to Jammu and Kashmir for implementation of various programmes under Mini Mission-II of Technology Mission on Horticulture which includes cultivation of 70 ha of medicinal and aromatic plants such as Lavender and others. Out of which an amount of Rs. 8.83 crores has already been released to Government of Jammu and Kashmir for taking up above programmes.